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TO: Each Supervisor  
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SUBJECT: **NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO  
APPROVE A PERCENTAGE INCREASE EXCEEDING TEN PERCENT  
OF THE MAXIMUM CONTRACT AMOUNTS OF 18 LEGAL ENTITY  
AGREEMENTS FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR  
FISCAL YEAR 2014-15**

This is to advise your Board that the Department of Mental Health (DMH) is scheduling a Board letter for the April 14, 2015, agenda requesting approval to amend 18 Legal Entity (LE) Agreements to implement the Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) Program and to establish new Maximum Contract Amounts (MCAs) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-15. This Board letter also requests an additional ten percent for a total of twenty percent delegated authority to increase the MCAs for the 18 LE contractors.

In accordance with Board of Supervisors Policy No. 5.120, prior Board notice is required for any department requesting delegated authority to increase Board-approved contracts over ten percent at least two weeks prior to the Board meeting at which the proposed contract is to be presented.

### **JUSTIFICATION**

This authority will allow DMH greater capacity to amend the following 18 LE Agreements: 1) Behavioral Health Services, Inc.; 2) Counseling & Research Associates, Inc.; 3) Exodus Recovery, Inc.; 4) Gateways Hospital and Mental Health Center; 5) Hathaway-Sycamores Family and Children Services; 6) Hillview Mental Health Center, Inc.; 7) Institute for Multicultural Counseling & Education Services; 8) Los Angeles Child Guidance Clinic; 9) Ocean Park Community Center; 10) Pacific Asian Counseling Services; 11) San Fernando Valley Community Mental Health Center, Inc.; 12) SHIELDS for Families; 13) Special Service for Groups; 14) Star View Behavioral Health; 15) Step Up on Second Street, Inc.; 16) Tarzana Treatment Centers, Inc.; 17) Telecare Corporation; and 18) Tessie Cleveland Community Services Corporation to fully implement all components of Laura's Law (Assembly Bill 1421) for adults 18 years of age and older who are enrolled in the AOT Program that will include additional slots for Full Service Partnership (FSP) treatment providers who will provide

time-limited intensive mental health treatment services. The purpose and intent of Laura's Law is to identify certain high risk individuals with serious mental illness that have a demonstrated history of non-compliance with traditional outpatient mental health treatment, assess whether there is substantial risk for deterioration and/or detention under Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5150 which could be mitigated by provision of appropriate services, and, if so, mandate the individual's participation in AOT through a formal judicial process.

To implement this program, DMH sought LE providers on its Mental Health Services Act Master Agreement List who were interested in providing AOT FSP services under Laura's Law. Interested agencies must have demonstrated experience providing FSP, or substantially similar wraparound services to adults 18 years of age and over with chronic, serious mental illness, including those with co-occurring substance use disorders, who have been judicially mandated to participate in services. The 18 LE providers were identified as qualified agencies through a Statement of Eligibility and Interest process for implementation for the Laura's Law AOT Program in the eight Service Areas of Los Angeles County.

#### **NOTIFICATION TIMELINE**

Consistent with the procedures of Board Policy No. 5.120, we are informing the Board of our intention to proceed filing the Board letter with the Executive Office of the Board for the April 14, 2015, Board meeting. Should there be a need to exceed the twenty percent delegated authority, DMH will return to your Board with a request to amend these LE Agreements accordingly.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me, or your staff may contact Richard Kushi, Chief, Contracts Development and Administration Division, at (213) 738-4684.

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